

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Joseph CAUTHEN III)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615)	Examiner: ISABELLA
Filed: February 15, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 2841
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS REPAIR)	
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND)	
SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, the period for response having been extended to April 29, 2007 by a four month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant hereby makes an election of species, with traverse, as required by the Examiner:

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